

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following paragraph for the same paragraph in the application as provided in the substitute specification filed on November 18, 2003.

Summary of the Invention

The inventive concept is founded in the recognition that the reliability of a classifier in a decision fusion application can vary from sample to sample and from experiment to experiment. The inventive concept involves using the decisions from multiple classifiers in a decision fusion application to make an informed decision as to the classifier which is likely to be correct.